

ceding miners will hold meetings and form a new independent union.

New complications were added to the situation, when the mining companies indicated they would respect their contracts providing recognition of the Western Federation, until these expire next June.

ASK RECEIVER FOR BANK

Attorney General P. J. Lucey applied for receiver for LaSalle Street Bank before Judge Windes.

In his petition Lucey states that the depositors may not realize over 50 per cent.

The petition also states that the bank has been conducted in an "illegal, fraudulent and unsafe manner" and blames the hopeless condition of the bank to the "insecure and valueless" loans made to other Lorimer-Munday enterprises.

He classified these loans as follows: Good, \$781,335; doubtful, \$763,687, and desperate, \$1,746,084.

The total liabilities are said to reach \$5,104,048, and that only \$255,385 in bonds in the bank are good.

The Lorimer-Munday situation became graver today with the filing of the report of Bank Examiner Daniel V. Harkin.

It is said that Attorney General Lucey has decided on criminal prosecution.

Harkin claims there are only \$2,000,000 to cover \$4,730,000.

It is said State Auditor Brady is displeased with the way in which Harkin talked so openly to the newspapers in Chicago.

It is rumored Brady has heard a rumor that the bank may be able to come up across.

Edward Ridgely, backed by Ira M. Cobe, and George E. Brennan, Roger Sullivan, Democrat, are being mentioned in connection with receivership.

KID PINCHED—TURNS ON GAS

Capt. Paddy Lavin pinched a burglar the other day. This was a most

unusual burglar. He was only 14 years old. But Paddy got used to pinching kids when he was used to break the newspaper strike.

The boy was Laston Fisher, 51 W. 34th street. He's a bright-looking youngster. But he nearly died from gas in his narrow cell at the Hyde Park station last night. And it is reported he deliberately sought to die.

The boy climbed up on a chair and disconnected a gas fixture. As a result of his act he nearly killed himself, Mrs. Bridged O'Malley, the matron, Hattie Davis and a number of other prisoners. They were all revived, however.

MAY STRIKE AGAINST McCOURT

Seventy-five employees of the city water officer are reported ready to strike against the administration of Sup't William J. McCourt.

Charges against McCourt were presented to Commissioner of Public Works McGann recently and he was told that unless he signed them the employees would strike.

He is charged with many things, highhandedness, unfairness, borrowing money from his subordinates, absenting himself from duty, etc.

McGann is awaiting further proof before filing charges against McCourt.

POLITICAL DOPE

Campaign of Robert A. Rolfe, Dem., for state senator from 19th district, will be launched by young Democrats at Garfield Park Bank hall, Madison st. and Crawford av., tonight.

Lawrence B. Stringer will open senatorial race July 1.

25th Ward Democrats gave big banquet to Peter Reinberg and Oscar F. Mayer last night.

Ald. Block, 8th Ward, may come out for sheriff.

Rumored that Republican women are disgusted with efforts to make ex-Gov. Deneen ruler of G. O. P.